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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY BDM REPRESENTATIVE.

1. DR. LOREN PATTERSON, MANAGER OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES FOR THE BDM CORPORATION, IS PLANNING TO VISIT PANAMA JUNE 2-7 IN CONNECTION WITH A DOD/ISA SPONSORED STUDY ON "U.S.-PANAMANIAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE SECURITY OF THE PANAMA CANAL." A MEMORANDUM TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER CONTAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BDM'S STUDY WILL BE POUCHED SEPARATELY.

2. DR. PATTERSON IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING (A) CURRENT RELATIONS WITH PANAMA, (B) METHODS AND PROBLEMS FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW CANAL TREATY AND (C) POSSIBLE U.S. ACTIONS IN THE EVENT OF PANAMANIAN VIOLATIONS OF A NEW CANAL TREATY.

3. WHILE IN PANAMA, HE PLANS TO TALK WITH CANAL COMPANY AND U.S. MILITARY CONTACTS. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH PAN, HE HAS ALSO AGREED TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR APPROPRIATE U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND ANY ENGLISH
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SPEAKING PANAMANIAN RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY. HIS

BDM ASSOCIATE, DR. LUIS AGUILAR OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, HAS ALREADY TALKED TO PANAMANIAN "FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES" DURING A VISIT IN JANUARY, WHICH WAS NOT CLEARED WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED DR. PATTERSON'S VISIT. ASSUMING EMBASSY ALSO CONCURS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN ASSISTING DR. PATTERSON TO GAIN BROAD-GAUGED AND OBJECTIVE INSIGHTS INTO THE QUESTIONS HE IS STUDYING.

5. PATTERSON WOULD CONTACT EMBASSY SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. INGERSOLL

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